

# MASTER OF CEREMONIES IN PUBLIC EVENTS: THE ART OF MCEEING/MCING WITH CONFIDENCE



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***MASTERING PUBLIC EVENTS - "MASTER OF CEREMONIES": WHAT IS AN MC/MCEE/EMCEE WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF AN MC? WHAT IS MCEEING?***

A **"Master of Ceremonies"** or an **"MC"** is a person who acts as host of an event, and directs the proceedings. An MC makes the welcoming speech, introduces speakers and allocates/keeps speaking times. An MC can also be referred to as a Toastmaster or a Roastmaster.

- Being an **MC**, or opener is not a light job - it can be more difficult than a speaker's - who comes to talk about a particular subject/topic for a prescribed period of time. As a Master of Ceremonies, you have to think on your feet and be able to make quick, thoughtful comments; to summarize a speech and to connect it with the next one - and do all these things in a manner that warms your audience's hearts.

- Though tough and challenging, **MC-ing** is the most powerful position in any event. If you can master mc-ing, you wont have much trouble filling any speaking position.

# Tips

1. Start by welcoming the audience, and thanking them for their presence (introduce yourself while you are at it).
2. Thank the upcoming speakers and lead the applause for them and the organizers

3. Know the theme of the event and say something about it - remind people what they get to benefit by being there
4. A great way to introduce the theme is to tie it to some relevant humor or humorous situation

5. Tell the audience about the proceedings (starting times, speaker line-ups, presentation times, question times, breaks etc.)
6. Introduce the first speaker
7. Listen to their speech and pick up some interesting points that you can refer to - and attach to the next speech

8. Try to relax and have a glass of water nearby at all times
  9. At the end, thank the audience and mention some highlights of the event.
- You have a very important job, so enjoy being the master of ceremony.





# Source

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